Milk and Milk Products Order

2066. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the milk and milk products order was recently struck down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on a petition field by a private milk products factory in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied the judgement in full to identify the shortcomings in the MMPO; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) The High Court of Delhi has not struck down Milk and Milk Product Order, 1992. The High Court has, however, quashed Delhi (Milk and Milk Product) Control Order 1992 dated 3-10-1992 and Delhi (Milk and Milk Product) Control Order 1993 dated 1-1-1993 promulgated under the Milk and Milk Product Order 1992. The Government has decided to appeal against the orders of the High Court of Delhi.

Operation Flood-III

2067. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Operation Flood-III (1987—94) cost about 915.00 crores, if so, which are the internal|external agencies financing the project indicating whether Protocol has been signed by the Government of India with any of such outside organisation;

(b) what is the number of dairy Co-operative Societies Organised in 1992-93 indicating average quantity of milk per day procured/processed for consumption in the country;

(c) whether Government of India formulated any new schemes|issued guidelines in the field of Dairy Development in the country for the guidance of State Governments|Union Territory; and

(d) the details thereof particularly for Rajasthan and Orissa States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. A Protocol was signed on 25th March, 1988 between European Economic Community (EEC) and Government of India for supply of 75,000 MT of skimmed milk powder and 25,000 MT of butteroil to be delivered over the seven year period of Operation Flood III. Besides, Development Credit Agreement and Loan Agreement were also signed by the Government of India with the International Development Association (IDA) and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) on 13th January, 1988 for financial assistance to the tune of 121.2 million Special Drawing Rights and US $ 200 million respectively.

(b) About 64,600 Anand Pattern dairy Cooperative Societies have been organised upto December, 1992. These societies procured on an average 105.28 lakh kg. of milk per day during 1992-93.

(c) and (d) A Central Sector Integrated Dairy Development Scheme for Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and backward areas has been included for implementation during the Eighth Five Year Plan period. The Government of Orissa has submitted a project proposal for implementation of dairy development programme in the non operation Flood districts of Koraput, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Sundergarh, Phulbani, Balasore, Mayurbhanj and Bolangir with an outlay of Rs. 11.40 crores during Eighth Five Year Plan for a period of 5 years. No project proposal has been received from the State Government of Rajasthan.

Use of Agriculture Inputs in the Country

2068. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total cost of agriculture inputs used in the country each year; and